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Field Crops

Cotton bolls opening is at 78 percent complete, behind last year's 81 percent and the five-year average of 82 percent. Cotton conditions are mostly good to excellent. Harvesting remains active in the Yuma area. Most alfalfa is in fair to good condition. Harvesting is active on over two-thirds of the State's acreage.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped miscellaneous melons this week.

Range & Pasture

Range and pasture conditions vary from very poor to excellent, depending on location. At this time last year 67 percent was rated at very poor or poor. Currently 31 percent is rated at very poor or poor and 42 percent is rated at good or excellent.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	2	9	37	33	19
Range and Pasture	17	14	27	28	14
Cotton Condition	-	1	17	49	33

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	78	70	81	82
• Harvested	12	10	17	12

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending September 19, ranging from 3 degrees below normal at Parker to 9 degrees above normal at Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 111 degrees at Roll. The lowest

reading at 32 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. There was no precipitation recorded in any of the 22 stations this week. Eight of the 22 weather stations are at below normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
September 13, 2010 - September 19, 2010

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	82	3	105	58	0.00	8.78	1.6	122
Buckeye	85	0	110	59	0.00	6.95	1.89	137
Canyon De Chelly	69	5	92	45	0.00	8.16	1.5	123
Coolidge	83	3	107	56	0.00	6.47	1.31	125
Douglas	79	7	96	59	0.00	9.16	-0.98	90
Flagstaff	60	4	82	37	0.00	19.28	3.1	119
Grand Canyon	59	6	85	32	0.00	10.39	-4.33	71
Kingman	79	5	98	58	0.00	4.5	-2.66	63
Marana	88	7	106	69	0.00	7.84	-0.07	99
Maricopa	85	3	108	60	0.00	6.18	1.25	125
Paloma	86	1	109	60	0.00	4.67	-0.05	99
Parker	82	-3	107	55	0.00	3.7	0.78	127
Payson	69	3	92	48	0.00	15.88	0.3	102
Phoenix	92	7	109	76	0.00	7.27	2.21	144
Prescott	72	9	92	53	0.00	9.48	-5.28	64
Roll	86	0	111	60	0.00	3.39	1.31	163
Safford	79	5	97	58	0.00	9.95	3.23	148
St. Johns	71	6	90	49	0.00	6.79	-1.68	80
Tucson	87	8	105	69	0.00	10.29	1.64	119
Willcox	79	8	101	55	0.00	11.95	2.53	127
Winslow	73	6	95	52	0.00	5.05	-0.52	91
Yuma	92	6	108	74	0.00	3.78	1.7	182

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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